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Meeting held to discuss elementary school closure

Officials discuss temporary closing dealing with asbestos concerns

By Capt. Warren Comer
 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

To ensure continued health and safety of students and faculty at the East Elementary School, base officials decided to temporarily close the school as a precautionary measure to conduct further environmental tests after a small measure of asbestos was found in the media center.

The school was closed Monday through Wednesday and base officials moved quickly to set up a town hall meeting Monday evening with parents and faculty members to discuss any concerns they might have.

“Over the summer, contractors were hired to install air conditioning units in the library. During the installation process, contractors opened a sealed area above the ceiling to place duct work that would disburse the cold air,” said Mr. Jim Bowers, Assistant Superintendent for Department of Defense Dependent Schools, Japan, in a statement at the town hall meeting. “Work was

immediately stopped when an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative discovered materials suspected to contain asbestos located in the area between the ceiling and the roof.”

Inspectors later determined that the inside of the roof had been sprayed with a fire retardant substance which contained a small amount of asbestos.

“We don’t believe that materials containing asbestos entered the surrounding classrooms and are now in the process of planning and conducting additional testing to confirm that the classrooms have no contamination,” said Mr. Bowers.

Before the school year had started, a contractor performed tests for asbestos in the media center and surrounding classrooms. There were 60 samples taken and 58 of the samples came out with negative results. The other two samples returned results well below the acceptable limit.

To ensure the safety of the students and faculty, the media center and surrounding 11 classrooms



photo by Capt. Warren Comer

Tech. Sgt. Sam Thorton, 374th Communications Squadron and Parent-Teacher Organization president for Yokota East Elementary School, asks a question to officials at the town hall meeting held Monday at the base theater about YEES’s closure due to asbestos concerns there.

were sealed off and additional samples will be taken. The samples will be sent to an accredited laboratory and based on the results further action will be determined, said Mr. Bowers.

During the town hall meeting, parents and faculty asked questions focusing on their child’s welfare

and how children will go to school after the temporary closure.

“Our main objective is to make sure without a question of a doubt that those rooms are completely free of contaminants,” said Mr. Scott Sterry, DoDDS Japan Chief of Logistics, in answering questions by parents. “This was a

precautionary measure so that we could go in and give complete confidence back to the community.”

Wing officials, DoDDS, Army Corps of Engineers and wing officials are currently working to award a contract to resolve these issues.

PACAF command chief visits base during Pacific tour

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

While visiting bases throughout the Pacific Air Forces’ area of responsibility, the PACAF command chief master sergeant stopped at Yokota Air Base to learn about the base’s mission and people while expressing goals for the command.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Rodney McKinley became the PACAF command chief in March 2005 after serving as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for Eleventh Air Force out of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

Chief McKinley started his base tour Monday playing a basketball game with Airmen before meeting with Fifth Air Force and 374th Airlift Wing leadership. His visit also included talking with leaders of base professional organizations, touring various facilities and conducting enlisted calls.

During his talks with Yokota’s enlisted members, Chief McKinley talked about the importance of Airmen in executing Yokota’s role as the Western Pacific’s airlift hub.

“Airmen here provide an absolutely critical part to ensure the success of the PACAF and Pacific Command mission,” said the command chief. “To perform airlift missions throughout the region and do it as successfully as they do is why Yokota members can be very proud of their role in the area and how well they are prepared to go out and accomplish their mission.”

For the upcoming operational readiness inspection, the command chief had advice for Airmen to reflect on while preparing.

“Each individual needs to know their job as best as they possibly can,” said the command chief. “It’s not just practicing to pass an ORI – our goal is to be mission ready and accomplish what we are tasked.

“Along those same lines, when you’re asked to deploy for an Air Expeditionary Forces tasking, it’s a tremendous responsibility and opportunity to do what we practice. The AEF is what we are in the Air Force so it is up to us to prepare to be mentally and physically ready to go do whatever is asked of us and to make sure that the people we leave behind are well-pre-

pared too. From my experiences, an AEF, even though it can be tough on the individual and the family, many times ends up being some of the best memories of our time in the Air Force.”

The command chief explained the impact families have on Air Force members when he talked about how the Air Force recruits Airmen but retains families.

“Deployments tend to be easier on the Airmen who deploy because when they deploy they pull 12-hour shifts then they go to their residence and are done until their next shift. But back home, the spouse who stays behind still has to take care of everything else,” said Chief McKinley. “It’s tougher on them – they don’t get a break while making sure the deployed Airman can do their job without worrying about life back home.

“It’s also important for us as units to stay in touch with the family members left behind because the family members are still part of our Air Force and we still need to keep them involved in what’s going on at the base.”

Chief McKinley emphasized the Global War on Terror as the most important thing

Airmen must concentrate on and how every job performed in the Air Force is important to the service’s success.

“We have to take what we do in the Air Force very seriously because the enemy is relentless and will keep coming at us again and again – we have to take the war to them on their own ground.

“We need to do our jobs to the best of our capability, living and practicing our core values and ensuring when the public looks at us as Airmen, it is with the utmost respect and admiration. Everyone – civilians, enlisted members and officers – have the opportunity to make a tremendous impact on the success of our mission.

“The World War II generation has always been called the greatest generation, but I really feel that when we win this war on terror – historians will look back on our generation as the next greatest generation. In order to accomplish that, we have to ensure our children and grandchildren can grow up with the same freedoms and democracy that we grew up with in the past.”

ORI countdown: 156 days

Office of Personnel Management: GS positions see pay changes

Employees to see fewer inconsistencies, more fair, rational rules with changes

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Office of Personnel Management recently amended the rules governing pay setting for employees covered by the General Schedule. The rules implement section 301 of the Federal Workforce Flexibility Act of 2004.

The primary purpose of the Act is to correct various pay anomalies

relating to the administration of special rates, locality rates and retained rates.

The new rules now treat locality rates and special rates in a consistent way, resulting in pay rules that are more rational and fair, according to OPM officials. Also, because the Act became effective May 1, the new pay administration rules must be made

effective retroactive to that date.

A few of the key changes made by the Act and OPM's regulations include:

⇒ Locality rate (basic pay plus locality pay), instead of just basic pay, is now considered in applying various pay-setting rules such as maximum payable rate, promotion and pay retention. As a result, non-GS employees moving to GS positions may beset in a lower step and fewer actions will result in pay retention since locality rate is higher than basic pay.

⇒ Locality rates will be taken into account when applying pay retention rules. Locality pay will no longer be paid on top of a retained rate. Retained rates will be compared to the highest applicable rate range (as adjusted to include any locality or special rate supplement).

⇒ Entitlement to a special salary rate ceases if the employee is entitled to a higher locality rate. As a result, even though an employee receives the same total salary, the base rate is less and full locality is paid. Since retention allowances

approved prior to May 1 were computed as a percentage of an underlying special salary rate rather than the underlying basic rate, the amount of any retention allowance will also be reduced when the special rate entitlement ceases. The reduction of retention allowances is not subject to appeal.

More detailed information on the new pay administration rules is available at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2005/2005-10.asp>.

(Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center)

New active duty recruiter hits Yokota scene

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The active-duty Air Force recruiting station for all of mainland Japan is here at Yokota Air Base, and after a three-month



photo by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

Tech. Sgt. Bill Eihusen talks with a new recruit about finalized paperwork Tuesday. He is the new recruiter here.

vacancy, a new recruiter has come to town.

Tech. Sgt. Bill Eihusen, an enlisted recruiter assigned to the 369th Recruiting Squadron in Los Angeles, Calif. is filling the one-man position here.

"I am the recruiting representative for all six military installations on mainland Japan," said Sergeant Eihusen.

He plans to visit Yokota High School once a month to conduct classroom presentations as permitted, or set up a table display and speak with students who have questions.

Applicants must first qualify for the Air Force physically, morally and also pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. Once qualified, they are matched up with a guaranteed job or general aptitude area according to skill, physical abilities, time constraints,

personal preferences and job availability.

The next step is to take the oath into the Delayed Enlistment Program and then wait to depart for Basic Military Training.

Once an applicant is in the DEP they attend monthly meetings to prepare for BMT both mentally and physically, learn about the Air Force such as our core values, and other important details such as what to pack. The average wait-time is four to eight months before DEP members are flown to San Antonio, Tex. for six and a half weeks of basic military training.

The recruiting station is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except when Sergeant Eihusen is visiting the other bases.

For more information, call 225-7328 email at william.eihusen@yokota.af.mil, or stop by the office on the east side, building 1373, room 11.

Dozen selected for O-5

An Air Force Personnel Center board selected 1,371 majors from 7,439 eligible for lieutenant colonel.

Yokota promotees include:

David Andrus, 20th Operational Weather Squadron; **Shawn Copeland**, 374th Operations Support Squadron; **Karen Cox-Dean**, 374th Medical Operations Squadron; **Douglas Dickerson**, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Gary Hermann**, 459th Airlift Squadron; **Miklos Kiss Jr.**, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Jeffrey Louie**, U.S. Forces-Japan; **William Pierce**, 374th Airlift Wing; **Mark Polomsky**, 374th AW; **Patrick Poon**, 613th CRG; **Michael Powers**, 605th AOS; and **Joel Young**, 374th Communications Squadron.

(Courtesy of AFPC)

Negotiation Center of Excellence established:

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials announced the creation of a Negotiation Center of Excellence at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

The center will spearhead the development and application of negotiation, collaboration and problem-solving skills throughout the Air Force.

As the center evolves, the Air Force will be able to refine a negotiation model that allows users to analyze negotiations as a distinct and manageable set of separately identifiable components. This model will give Air Force people a tool to better understand, prepare, conduct and evaluate negotiations of all types.

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Air Force posthumously awards Bronze Star:

WASHINGTON – An Air Force chaplain's assistant was posthumously recognized in a Brewer, Maine, ceremony Sept. 27 for his participation in a Korean War airlift that saved nearly 1,000 orphans.

Staff Sgt. Merle Y. Strang played a key part in evacuating orphans from war-torn Seoul, South Korea, to the safer Cheju-do Island. It was a role that Air Force Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin honored with the presentation of the Bronze Star to Sergeant Strang's brother, the Rev. Homer Strang.

DOD implements image-based teller system at Community Banks overseas: ARLINGTON, Va.

(AFP) – A new image-based teller system being implemented by the Community Bank operated by Bank of America is reducing check-processing time at overseas air bases.

The new system, already in place in Japan and Korea, reduces the processing time when a check is written to when it clears a bank account. It is currently being implemented at Community Banks in Europe.

Features of the new system include scanners at each teller station that convert checks and other documents to digital images at the point of presentment.

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Retirees invited to appreciation day Thursday

By Senior Airman Katie Thomas
Editor

Calling all Kanto Plain retirees.

The Retiree Activities Office here wants all retired military servicemembers of all branches, and their spouses, survivors and beneficiaries to enjoy a morning of free breakfast and information Thursday.

The second annual retiree appreciation day begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Club and continues with briefings from nearly a dozen on-base agencies including the military personnel flight, the local American Red Cross chapter, and the Family Support Center.

"We are holding this day for two reasons," said Rod Bradish, director of the Retiree Activities Office here. "We want all the retirees out there to know that they are still a part of the Air Force and Yokota families. It is a way of thanking them for their service to their country."

"Secondly, we want to get the information out there that retirees want and need to know, including benefits and privileges that are available to them."

Among the hot topics for Thursday are the military healthcare system better known as Tricare, and the casualty assistance program, which focuses on making sure survivor benefits and mortuary services are in order.

Mr. Bradish, a retired master sergeant, said

that it is important for retirees to come out to the appreciation day for several reasons.

"Laws and information are constantly changing, and I have found there is a lot of inaccurate information out there also," he explained. "Retirees want and need to know as much about their privileges and benefits as possible. This not only helps out retirees but their survivors and beneficiaries."

There will be more than a dozen information tables set up by base organizations that offer services to retirees.

For more information, call 225-8324 or e-mail rao@yokota.af.mil.



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Getting into swing of things

Senior Airman Buck Dugger, 374th Maintenance Squadron's aircraft structural maintenance element, uses a hammer to punch a hole on a gaseous oxygen cart during repair here. The element is responsible for structural repair and corrosion prevention for the 14 C-130 Hercules aircraft stationed with the wing and for more than 200 transit planes that stop here throughout the year.

Birth announcements

Aug. 30 – Arianna Janelle Drayton, nine-pound, eight-ounce daughter of Yolanda and P.J. Drayton.

Aug. 31 – Luke Astin Willis, eight-pound, eight-ounce son of Yma and Spencer Willis.

Sept. 2 – Liam Patrick Duffy Jones, six-pound, 12-ounce son of Candance and Samuel Jones.

Sept. 6 – Tyler Ethan Hurtle, six-pound son of Alisa and William Hurtle.

Sept. 6 – Emory Blake Osborne, 10-pound, one-ounce son of Alicia and Jeremy Osborne.

Sept. 7 – Stephanie Tribble, six-pound, five-ounce daughter of Mari and Phillip Tribble.

Sept. 11 – Zachary Robert Untermeyer, son of Amy and Jeff Untermeyer.

Sept. 14 – Kennedy Misarah Amaya Lee, seven-pound, two-ounce daughter of Sonya and Aron Lee.

Sept. 15 – Sean Willard Corrigan, nine-pound, 14-ounce son of Mariza and David Corrigan.

Sept. 19 – Jamila Yuri Fludd, seven-pound, three-ounce daughter of Yumi and Barron Fludd.

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Older, wiser? *'Growing up' means more than racking up birthdays*

By Col. Michael Riddle

374th Maintenance Group commander

My teenage son and I were talking the other day about what it means to "grow up."

You can grow older without growing up. It is more than passing through puberty, surviving school, and launching your self into love and life.

Growing up involves responsibility, accountability, and maturing as a person. These concepts are hard to explain, let alone emulate. They involve expanding your concerns beyond your own interests and doing things because you know they must be done, even if they aren't "fun."

When you are a baby, your interest is strictly in yourself. When you are hungry, you cry, when you need your diaper changed, you cry. You have neither the capability, nor the desire to do more than focus on your own concerns. As you grow older, you can feed yourself and take care of many of your own needs, but your concerns are still strongly

focused on your own needs.

Sometimes, you may hear a child ask, "Why is mommy crying?" Occasionally, you may see a child share a toy so another child can be happy. However, their main focus is their own needs and desires, not those of others. Of course they only want to do what is fun. There is no sense of responsibility, such as feeding the pets or cleaning up their rooms. There is no sense of following "rules" just because you were told to. There is no sense of doing something simply because they know it must be done or because it is the right thing to do.

When they grow into teenagers, you see them forming into the kind of adults they will become. You start seeing signs of them doing things just because it is the right thing to do, not because it furthers their own concerns or because it is fun. Youth start grappling with the rules parents and community have established. Some learn to follow the rules and some pick and choose which ones are an advantage to them or which ones

carry a high risk of being caught.

Many youth join church groups or scouts or other community groups which help instill the sense of responsibility, accountability, and maturing. These people are growing up. We as parents feel pride not only in our children's individual accomplishments, but in how well they have matured and accepted responsibility.

Although we are no longer children, some people never grow up. We all know someone we feel never grew up. Their interests are only for themselves, not their neighbors, their team, or their community. They feel rules don't apply to them or apply only if they get caught. These people believe if something must be done, but it doesn't further their needs or it isn't "fun," then let someone else do it.

Most of us know what is right and what needs to be done, but do we know if we have finally grown up? The test is simple:

✓ When you see dishes that need to be done, do you volunteer to do them?

✓ When you see clothes on the floor, do you pick them up?

✓ When you walk past trash, do you pick it up?

✓ When someone at work is struggling, do you help or continue with your busy day?

✓ When you have done a job a hundred times, but the rules require you use technical orders, do you follow them?

✓ When the speed limit says 40, do you push 45 or actually do 40?

✓ When the squadron or the base is asking for a volunteer for a project that will benefit many people, are you too busy satisfying your own desires to help?

If you passed the test, then you have grown up and accepted the responsibility and accountability that comes with growing up. Your parents are probably very proud of you and you probably have friends, neighbors, and teammates who admire you. If you didn't pass the test, the good news is you already know the right answers and you can retake the test at any time.

Hurricane Katrina raises readiness questions

By Maj. Dani Johnson

4th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS (AFPN) – I thought I was ready to deploy but I didn't realize how unprepared I really was until I received orders to move within 24 hours. I had to ask myself the question: How prepared am I to face unexpected contingencies or disasters?

I received the notice the morning of Sept. 3 to deploy the next day to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., for Joint Task Force-Katrina. My mind scrambled as I thought about what I needed: orders, plane tickets, gear. My staff had to be recalled so I could go over the next month's events since I didn't know how long I would be gone. Professionally I was ready and prepared.

Personally, I wasn't quite as ready. As I did five loads of laundry, my mind went over what I would need. I had the recommended packing list but that had primarily only professional gear listed. I thought I had everything until I got here, unrolled my sleeping bag and realized I didn't bring a pillow. Living in bare base conditions, there were small things I could have brought to enhance my quality of life. Because I wasn't prepared, I forgot them.

While I was packing and calling my parents, I had to find someone to watch my



photo by Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

Tech. Sgt. Keith Berry, Air Force Reserve rescue team member, looks down into flooded streets searching for survivors in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

cats. Military families with children have to have a short-term care program. Those of us with pets aren't required to have one. I realized that I needed to have a plan for these exact times. Thank goodness for the kindness of neighbors.

After I redeploy, you can bet that I will have a personal short-notice deployment kit at home with a to-do list with what needs to be done before I depart.

Shortly after I arrived, I escorted national media on a helicopter flight over the city. As I looked down at the water surrounding houses, I asked myself: Would I be ready to evacuate

my home if I needed to? What would I take with me?

Many of us don't want to deal with the reality that a disaster could happen to us. Unfortunately it has been proven time and time again that something will happen. Once I'm home, I also will create a list of what I would take with me if I had to evacuate my home.

The other part of being prepared is ensuring you can replace your belongings if needed. I'm not advocating one insurance company over the other but it's important, whether you are renting or owning, that you have insurance to cover any losses.

Along with having insurance is having the right insurance. According to a news report, many residents here admitted to complacency with hurricane warnings and evacuations. A Post-Kaiser-Harvard poll stated seven people out of 10 had no insurance (renters or homeowners) to cover losses. Only 40 percent of homeowners had flood insurance. Now that might be surprising to many but if you aren't prepared and have become complacent, you don't always do what really needs to be done. It's the "won't happen to me" syndrome.

As my deployment here winds down, I realize while I was ready to help, I wasn't as prepared as I thought I was. I can guarantee you I will be next time. Will you?



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DUI Prevention

Sept. 24 – Oct. 1	0
Total DUIs in September	0
Total in 2005	6

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.081-.149 = 1 year walking
0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

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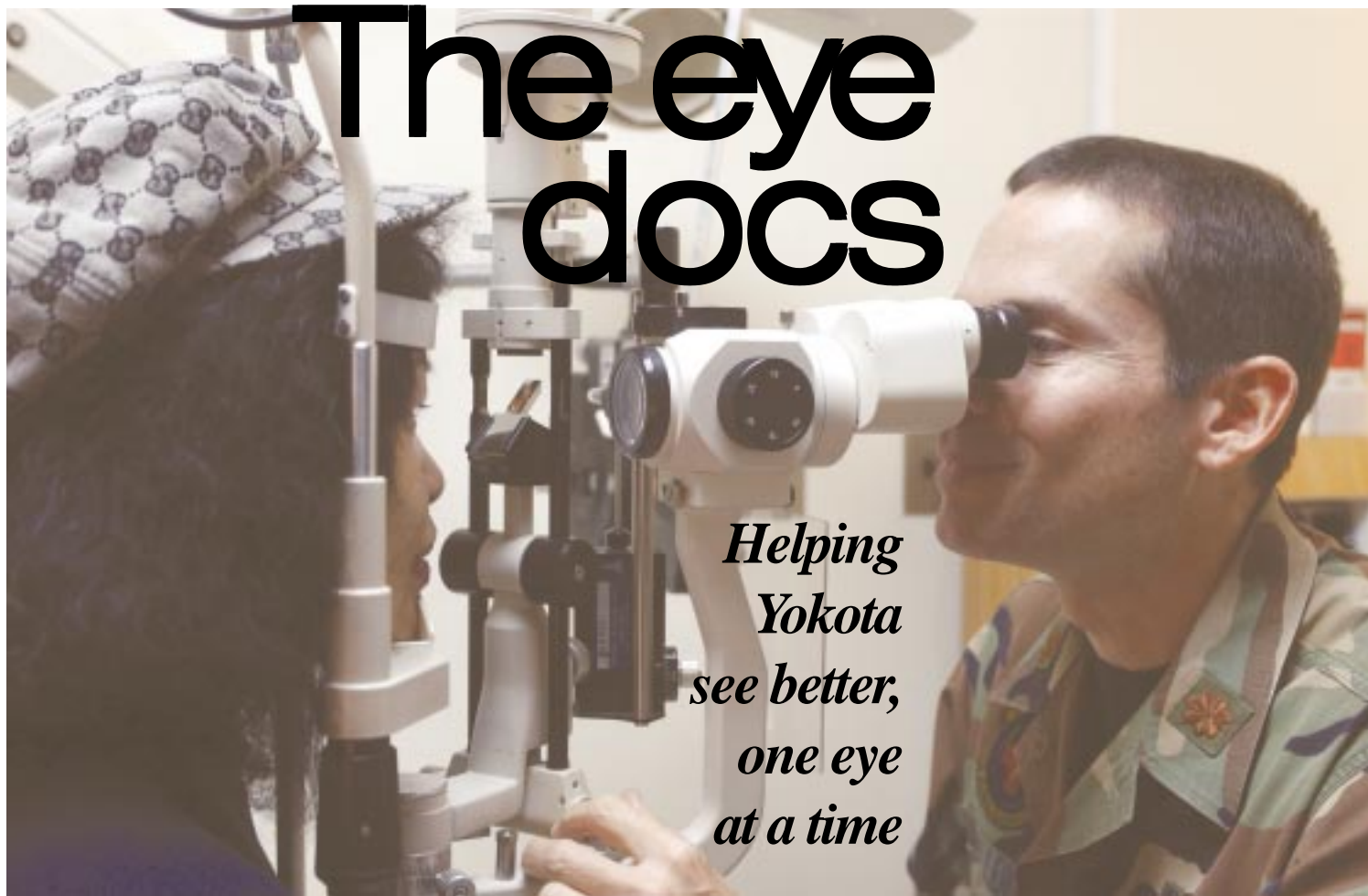


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Maj. (Dr.) Carlos Cebollero, optometry flight commander with the 374th Medical Group, checks out a patient's eyes during a routine exam here Monday. The optometry flight is one of the smallest in the medical group and provides services to all ID card holders in the Kanto Plain.

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

As Yokota members prepare for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, one of the smallest organizations within the 374th Medical Group has an essential role in ensuring the base is prepared.

The four-member optometry flight consists of two optometrists and two enlisted optometrist technicians responsible for the eye care of all base residents including active-duty, civilian employees, family members and retirees.

"We keep pretty busy with routine eye care services such as exams, prescription refills, gas-mask inserts and emergencies," said Maj. (Dr.) Carlos Cebollero, optometry flight commander. "Our biggest item right now is catching up on a backlog of appointments for the two months the

base didn't have an optometrist available."

If an active-duty member is interested in laser eye surgery, an optometrist will provide information and counsel them on the pros and cons of surgery and what options are available.

"The surgery is a corrective option for members who suffer from myopia (near-sightedness) or astigmatism," said Capt. (Dr.) Albert Tien, 374th MDG optometrist. "All active-duty members with either of these conditions are eligible for one of the available procedures."

The procedures available to qualified members are Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK) and Laser-In-Situ-Keratotomy (LASIK). Each procedure has associated risks and some career fields are further limited to one or the other based on physical requirements.

As a military eye doctor, Captain Tien has served his entire Air Force career at Pacific Air Forces bases starting at Misawa Air Base, Japan then serving a tour at Osan Air Base, South Korea until he moved to Yokota. He has experience with the application process since he has been the point of contact at each of the bases he has been assigned.

"From the time the application is submitted it can several weeks to a few months to actually get the surgery," said Captain Tien. "Because the procedures are performed in the U.S., members are subject to Space-A travel and local commanders' ability to have a member of their unit out for at least two weeks to recover from the surgery."

Despite 16 years of combined civilian and medical experience as an optometrist Major Cebollero said the most important people in

his flight are the enlisted technicians.

"Captain Tien and I really have it easy performing eye appointments and consults," said the major. "Out two enlisted folks actually perform all the screenings, schedule appointments, provide infection control, keep our supplies stocked and maintain medications and prescription for our patients. They provide an invaluable service to our flight."

Optometrist technicians Senior Airman David Hernandez and Tech. Sgt. Ray Childs are often the first people a person will speak with when calling for an appointment or stopping by for an eyeglass adjustment.

To schedule an appointment or inquire about eye care, call 225-8404 or stop by the Optometry Clinic located in the Base Hospital from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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✓ Everyone should get an eye exam every one to two years.

✓ Most contact prescriptions are good for one year so contact wearers need to be seen every year.

✓ Dilations should be accomplished every two years to check for abnormalities of the eye.

✓ Children should have their first eye appointment just before they start Kindergarten (about four to five years old).

✓ All military members with eyeglasses or contacts must have two pairs of glasses and one pair of gas mask inserts to be mobility qualified.

✓ All members that need a prescription filled can choose from basic training-style eyewear or the newer frame of choice.

✓ Sunglasses are only issued to those who spend significant amounts of time in bright sunlight conditions such as Security Forces, aircraft maintainers working on the flight line, aircrew members often looking into bright light such as pilots, members who often drive government vehicles.

✓ Adjustments can only be made to military-issue frames. For personally purchased frames, adjustments can be made at the eyeglass shop in the Yokota Community Center or at off-base vendors.

✓ Those interested in laser eye surgery provided by the Air Force should contact their optometrist for more information on the options available at 225-8404.

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Off base

10th Chofu Airfield Festival:

This annual event features static displays of private aircraft, fire engines, police cars and more. Sale booths, a flea market and stage entertainment will also be there. It is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chofu Airfield. Go to the JR Chuo Line's Mitaka Station then take a bus to the airfield's south exit.

Super Dog Carnival: Dogs and their owners will compete in various events during the carnival, including an "Extreme Championship." There will also be exhibits. It is at the Tokyo Big Site from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit <http://www.super.dogs.net>.

Autumn Wild Flower Fair: Visitors will be able to pick flowers in the park area to take home during this fair Oct. 15 and 16. There will also be free soil, flowerpots, gardening lessons and more. It is at the Tokyo Tele-port Center Station's Simbol promenade park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at the Rinkai Line's Tele-port station.

On base

Movies

Today – *Supercross*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Flightplan*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Dukes of Hazzard*, PG-13, 1 p.m.; 7 p.m. showing cancelled; *Flightplan*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *Supercross*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *Flightplan*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *Flightplan*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *The Great Raid*, R, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Flightplan*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *Dukes of Hazzard*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

Climate survey

The Air Force climate survey begins Saturday and runs through Nov. 23. The survey provides actionable feedback for leadership to use in improving their units. All active duty, Reserve, Guard, and Air

National Guard Airmen are encouraged to take the survey. To take the survey, visit <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

Education

The University of Maryland University College begins registration for its second term Monday through Oct. 21. Visit Bldg. 316 or <http://www.asia.umuc.edu> for class schedules and more.

Fire prevention

The Yokota and Tokyo Fire Departments are sponsoring a fire prevention week celebration at the Yokota Community Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event includes a ladder demonstration, pictures with Sparky the Fire Dog, and children's activities.

Sick call

The 374th Dental Squadron has changed its sick call process. Patients should call 225-3670 to arrange a sick call appointment.

Civilian call

The civilian personnel flight is hosting a call for serviced-appropriated fund civilians Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the base theater. Call 225-3907.

Closure

The 374th Comptroller Squadron is closed today for an official function. Call 090-3450-0904 for emergency needs.

Bazaar

The Yokota Officers' Spouses Club* needs volunteers to help with the club's annual fall bazaar Oct. 15 and 16 at Hangar 15. Japanese and Korean translators are also needed to volunteer to help vendors. Volunteers receive early shopping privileges. E-mail YOSCBazaarVolunteer@yahoo.com or call 227- 9672.

Project Graduation

The Yokota High School's Project Graduation Committee* has a general meeting Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the base library. The

meeting is open to all high school parents and volunteers. Call 227-9931.

Musicians needed

The Yokota Players* are seeking musicians that play reeds, trumpet, trombone, horn, violin, cello, bass and percussion for their November musical production of "Guys and Dolls." E-mail nichollemcniece@hotmail.com.

Volunteers needed

The 374th Services Division is seeking volunteers for its annual Services Summer Sweeps party Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. E-mail lisa.stevens@yokota.af.mil or alan.armitage@yokota.af.mil.

Auditions

The Vivace Performing Arts Program* is holding auditions for "A Celebration of the Sound of Music" on Oct. 15 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. People who audition must prepare a short song to perform. The musical's performance will be Nov. 11. E-mail info@vivacejapan.org or call 227-5787 for audition forms.

Contest

The Toastmasters International Yokota chapter* is hosting a tall tales speech contest Saturday at the base library from 2 to 3 p.m. The contest is open to the community.

Arts and Crafts

The second annual Arts and Crafts Fair is scheduled for Oct. 29. Vendors can sign up now to sell items by calling 225-9044. The cost is \$35 or 3,800 yen for vendors.

Playgroup

The Educational and Developmental Intervention Services program is offering a limited number of slots for children age 13 to 30 months to participate in structured playgroups. Call 225-9993.

Donations

The Combined Federal Campaign Overseas is now accepting donations to help Hurricane Katrina

SANDBOX WARRIOR



OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Sherika Dyer

Staff Sgt. Sherika Dyer, 386th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, is this week's Sandbox Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of absolute loyalty to one's superior, and a duty to defend one's honor and guild.

Sergeant Dyer is deployed from the 374th Communications Squadron here in support of U.S. Central Command operations in Southwest Asia. The air expeditionary wing's primary mission is to provide C-130 combat airlift for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.

victims. Community members can make cash or check donations by visiting <http://www.cfcverseas.org> or call 225-4210.

Couples 'Fear Factor'

Family Advocacy is hosting a couple's "Fear Factor" at the base Natatorium Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Prizes include New Sanno hotel packages, an ITT tour for two, bowling certificates, and more. Call 225-3648 to enter.

Car show

The Auto Hobby Shop is hosting a car show Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the parking area behind the shop. More than 70 cars will be on display and more. Call 225-6898.

Chapel events

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are hosting Bible studies Mondays beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the base library and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the Traditional Chapel. The studies are open to all community members. Call 227-9518.

All singles are invited to a Tuesday night homemade meal and Bible study beginning at 5:30 p.m.

in the building behind the Traditional Chapel. Call 225-7009.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Korean service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

Call 225-7009.

Publicity

Private organizations and military units can advertise its activities by sending information to fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil, afn.publicity@yokota.af.mil and yokota.bulletin@yokota.af.mil.

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“Quotes” & Things

“Mickey Mantle can hit just as good right-handed as he can left-handed. He’s just naturally amphibious.”

Yogi Berra

Football Frenzy: The Officers’ Club hosts Monday Night Football every Tuesday in the Samurai Lounge beginning at 7 p.m.

Natatorium: The base Natatorium will be closed Oct. 15 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will reopen Oct. 16 for its regular hours. Call 225-6133.

Soccer clinic: The Tokyo Verdy youth clinic is scheduled for Nov. 6. Coaches must pre-register their teams at the East Youth Center. Call 225-7021.

Bowling: Tomodachi Lanes is hosting a men and women nine-pin no-tap tournament Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per bowler for three games. Call 225-7191.

Spooky Splash: The Natatorium is sponsoring its annual Halloween Spooky Splash party Oct. 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. Children ages six to 12 are invited to enjoy the festivities including arts and crafts, food and prizes. Call 25-6133.

Tour de Tama XVII: Outdoor Recreation invites community members to participate in this mountain bike race that is set for Nov. 5 at 9 a.m. at Tama Hills. The cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt and lunch. Call 225-4552.

Volleyball: Girls volleyball sign-ups run through Oct. 14 during weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the East Youth Center.

Faster than a speeding camera shutter



photo by Capt. Warren Comer

Terrence Wellover, 374th Communications Squadron intramural soccer team member, sets up a pass to fellow teammates as a member of the Army and Air Force Exchange team tries to intercept it. The 374th CS team beat AAFES 4-3 during the intramural championship game Saturday.

Falcons fall to Colorado State

Head coach sees 41-23 loss as ‘a good old (butt) kicking’

By Wayne Amann

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AFPN) – The only pretty thing about the academy playing Colorado State University Sept. 29 that many Falcon fans saw was the scenery lining the 110-mile drive along I-25 from Colorado Springs, Colo., to here.

Falcon fans hoped to see the bluesuiters rebound after back-to-back losses.

Instead, they saw CSU quarterback, Justin Holland, and CSU running back, Kyle Bell, combine for four second-half touchdowns to turn a 16-13 third quarter deficit into a decisive 41-23 Mountain West Conference victory for the Rams.

Air Force offense totaled 357 yards, but fumbled on two of its first three plays of the game. The Fal-

cons converted only 3 of 14 third-down situations and failed to score on three consecutive second-half drives. This allowed the Rams to take control of the game. CSU wore down the Falcon defense which gave up a season-high 551 yards.

“There’s no excuse,” said Fisher DeBerry, Air Force head coach. “We got a good old (butt) kicking by a better football team tonight. What disappointed me most was we weren’t able to rush the football the way I thought we would.”

Trailing 7-0 on a Bell 1-yard touchdown run in the opening quarter, the Falcons needed 12 plays to travel just 15 yards before settling for a 37-yard Scott Eberle field goal.

Following Air Force cornerback Chris Sutton’s first interception of the season, the Falcon offense drove 58 yards in 11 plays, but once again stalled. Eberle’s 25-yard field goal

closed the gap to 7-6.

After a Rams’ punt, Air Force took 10 plays to march 59 yards before settling for a 30-yard Eberle kick to go ahead 9-7, but its lead was short-lived.

Trailing 13-9 at halftime, the Falcons started quickly in the third quarter when running back Chad Hall raced down the right sideline for 43 of his team-high 107 yards on 11 carries. On the next play, running back Chad Smith scored from 30 yards out. Eberle’s extra point gave Air Force its last scoreboard advantage at 16-13.

Air Force has captured 16 CIC Trophy titles compared with Army and Navy taking 13 combined.

With the loss, Air Force falls to 2-3 for the season, and 1-3 in conference play. CSU evened its record to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the MWC conference.

Give fitness ‘runaround’

Spend any amount of time running on Yokota Air Base and you’ll quickly realize one thing – there isn’t lot of space to run.

There’s the bike path along the north side of the airstrip and there’s always the Par 3, but how many times can people run those routes before getting so bored that running mileage slips away to nothing?

Before packing away the running shoes, consider heading off base for a change of scenery. The mountain trails surrounding Ome and Okutama are nothing short of spectacular and are definitely worth the drive or train ride.

A great place to start is Mt. Mitake-san just past Ome. Ask the Yujo front desk staff for driving or train directions. There’s an outstanding shrine at the summit with amazing views on a clear day. Just below the shrine there is a village-type gathering of houses and small noodle shops.

Consider taking the cable car to the summit if visiting for the first time. The top features a great Okutama nature map (in English) listing every hiking path and nature trail in the entire Chichibu-Tama-Kai National Park area.

There is an abundance of trails in the area, almost all of which are nicely groomed and covered by a lush green canopy of trees. There are plenty of signs along the paths, but most are in Japanese so memorize the kanji for the mountain you’re heading towards beforehand. Bring along a CamelBak to hold extra fluids, light snacks, and a place to stow trash.

The Yokota Striders Running Club, a private organization here, provides trail maps at <http://www.yokotastriders.com>.

Venture out to any of these trails and come away with a new appreciation for the hills and mountains that surround the base. And they’re closer to Yokota than downtown Tokyo.

(Courtesy of Health And Wellness Center)

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